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Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the goal set forth in the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case.

The New York Times recently reported that 88% of households whose income is \$75,000.00 or higher had a computer. This number drops dramatically for households with income below \$25,000.00. This needs to be remedied.

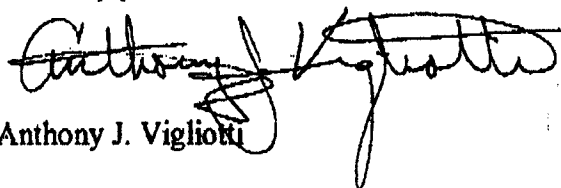
As part of that settlement Microsoft is proposing the donation of approximately 200,000 computers to public school students throughout the country. Recent research suggests that the digital divide that exists along economic lines has an adverse impact on students, schools and educational opportunity. Currently, 82% of schools in well to do communities are connected to the Internet. That number drops to 60% of the classrooms in poorer communities.

I support the goal of the Proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case, which will provide students and teachers in lower income areas with access to both technology and computers. These students desperately need access to technology in order to prepare themselves for jobs in the 21st century.

I would also recommend that donations to Registry of Deeds and recording offices desperately in need of modernization be added to the list of places for the computer donations.

I urge the Court to approve the settlement agreement.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony J. Vigliotti